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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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#### **Northern Territory Under 17's on the back foot after day 1 against South Australia**

Northern Territory under 17's have a lot of work to do to win their two day clash against South Australia in the National U17's Championships.

After winning the toss, NT couldn't have had a worse start as skipper Arnout Faveere was dismissed on the first ball of the match.

Opener Ben Whyte followed soon after as did Joel Bock to leave NT struggling at 3-13.

Gavin Lycett and Paul Carbone started to establish a partnership until Lycett was dismissed with the score at 4-42.

Matt Wall and Carbone combined for an excellent partnership of 57 runs, until Wall was dismissed for 31 runs.

Brad Zanker was dismissed soon after as was Paul Carbone for a fine 55 runs, however NT were teetering at 7-110 and in danger of being dismissed just after lunch.

Thomas Andrews and Mitch Mullen steadied the ship as they combined 8<sup>th</sup> wicket stand for 65 runs and NT were better placed at tea at 7-171.

Soon after the tea break the NT lost Andrews (37) and Mullen (28) after combining with Pat Gallow to take the NT total to 191.

The SA run chase started positively until Matt Wall and Thomas Andrews were introduced in to the attack in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> overs.

Both lads displayed excellent spells of bowling restricting SA to 1-74 at the end of the days play.

The NT will start play on day 2 as favourites to win the game.